

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A catheter with a conduit for draining body fluid from at least one inlet opening in ~~the~~ a proximal, insertable, end of the catheter to at least one outlet opening, said catheter comprising first and second parts, ~~wherein the~~ with said first part ~~forms~~ forming the proximal end[[,]] and the second part ~~forms the~~ forming a distal end, the first and second parts having different cross-sectional size and/or shape and being joined in a fixed connection, and the first part ~~is~~ being at least partly encapsulated in a sleeve to leave at least a portion of the second part of the catheter uncovered by the sleeve, ~~characterized in that the~~ said sleeve is being attached to the catheter ~~reducing the risk that the sleeve accidentally falls off when handling the catheter prior to use~~ with a seal that forms a liquid and/or bacteria tight barrier to maintain sterility of at least the encapsulated portion of said first part.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the sleeve is detachably attached to the outer surface of the catheter.

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3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the first part is entirely encapsulated by the sleeve.

5. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the at least one inlet opening is sealed by a detachable closure.

6. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 5, wherein the closure forms part of the sleeve.

7. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 4, wherein the at least one outlet opening is sealed by a detachable closure.

8. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the first and second parts are made from different materials.

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9. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the length of the second part constitutes at least 1/3 of the total length of the catheter.

10. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the first and second parts are made in one piece.

11. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the second part is made with a higher bending moment than the first part.

12. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the second part is made with a higher surface friction than the first part.

13. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the second part in a radial direction extends 2-10 times the radial size of the first part.

14. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the second part includes a connecting element ~~comprises~~

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~~connection means for connecting collecting means~~ connection to a receptacle for collection of the body fluid.

15. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the outlet opening is in fluid connection with a receptacle for collection of the body fluid.

16. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the sleeve is made from a dimensionally stable material.

17. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the sleeve forms part of a package for encapsulation of the first and the second parts in individual compartments.

18. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein the sleeve or the first part or the second part is made from a thermoplastic material.

19. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein said seal remains intact during both storage and use of said catheter so that sterility is maintainable within the sleeve during direct contact with the second part.

20. (Currently Amended) A The catheter according to claim 1, wherein said catheter is a urinary catheter made for draining urine from a bladder or urinary tract.

21. (Currently Amended) A sleeve for a catheter with inlet openings in its insertable end, said sleeve ~~forming~~ comprising an oblong body with a cavity for sealingly enclosing at least a part of the catheter and an opening for inserting the catheter into the cavity, ~~characterised in that the~~ said cavity ~~forms~~ forming a cap portion covering the inlet openings of the catheter when the catheter is arranged in the cavity, said sleeve including a seal member opposite said cap portion that sealingly secures said sleeve to said catheter to form a liquid and/or bacteria tight barrier therebetween.

22. (New) The sleeve according to claim 21, wherein said seal member is a radially inwardly directed flange that engages with a complementary structure on said catheter to removably lock said sleeve in position on said catheter.

23. (New) A catheter with a conduit for draining body fluid from at least one inlet opening in a proximal, insertable, end of

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the catheter to at least one outlet opening, said catheter comprising a first part forming the proximal end and a second part forming the distal end, the first and second parts being linearly arranged and joined in a fixed connection, said catheter in a storage configuration having the first part at least partly encapsulated in a sleeve to leave at least a portion of the second part of the catheter uncovered by the sleeve, said sleeve being attached to the catheter in said storage configuration with a seal that forms a liquid and/or bacteria tight barrier between the sleeve and the catheter where attached to one another to maintain sterility of at least the encapsulated portion of said first part while said uncovered portion of the second catheter part remains exposed for handling thereof.